



Mayor’s Message  
October 2015

Dear Residents,

I am pleased to announce the launch of the Rumson Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Website! The Commission has spent the last eighteen months identifying existing structures in the Borough that are over one hundred years old. Currently, there are over two hundred and forty properties included in the inventory. While there are additional properties that meet the age criteria, they have been modified to such an extent that the original structure is unrecognizable and therefore are not included in the inventory.

The Rumson Historic Preservation Commission was formed for the purpose of identifying and assisting in the preservation of the many important properties, homes, landmarks and sites in our Borough. In an effort to preserve the special character of our town, the goal is to be a valuable resource for the owners of historic homes and properties, to act in an advisory capacity for property owners going through the application for development process, to

and if known, the architect or other significant facts. The photographs used in the inventory are from the Borough Tax Assessor’s office. Should you wish to view these historic homes from another perspective, links to Google Maps and to Google Earth are provided.

A new email - HPC@rumsonnj.gov - has been created for residents who wish to email questions, feedback on the site or offer any additional or updated information on the properties. The email may also be used to send photographs or information that is of historical importance about any of these properties. As you can imagine, this effort is a work in progress, so input from residents about a property’s history is welcome!

The website also streams photographs of some of our well known Borough structures that unfortunately no longer exist as well as other historic properties. I hope that you find this site and its information interesting and please feel free to submit comments or questions using the HPC email address.

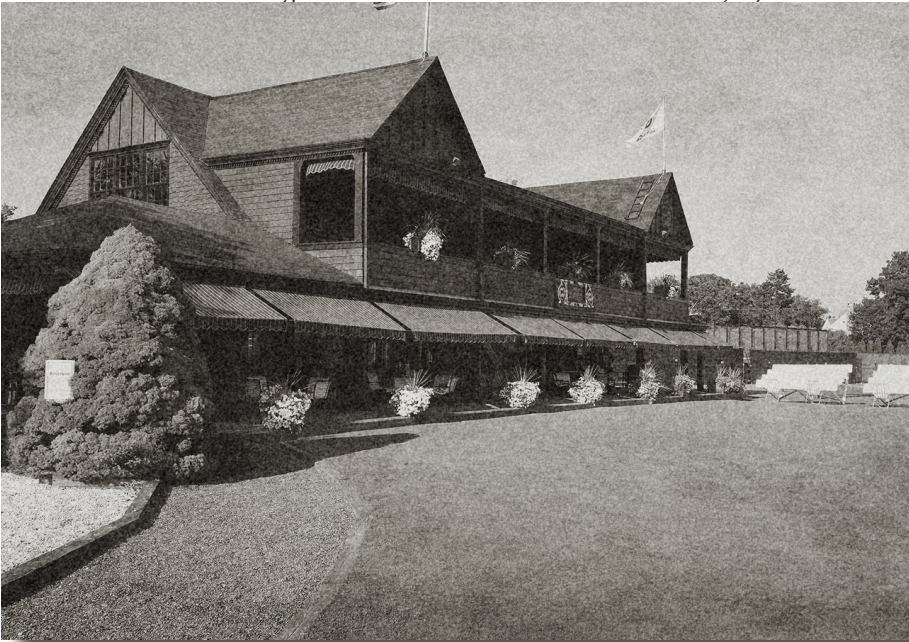
The Rumson Historic Preservation Commission is made up of the following Rumson residents:

- Charley Shay, Chairman
- Tom Clark, Vice Chair & Planning Board Liaison
- Laura Atwell, Council Liaison
- Jim Fitzmaurice
- Ross Millhiser
- Steve Peterson

Visit the site at: <http://www.rumsonnj.gov/rhpc/welcome>

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Sea Bright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club Rumson, NJ Est. 1877



educate the public, to give advice to the Borough Council and the Planning and Zoning Boards and to recognize those in our community that embody the spirit of Historic Preservation.

The members have spent a considerable amount of time assessing the structures for style and period characteristics, however, the determination of style is subjective. You will find references in the property inventory descriptions which map to the written materials listed under the Reference button. The Glossary provides definitions and images of the styles that are referenced in the property descriptions.

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The website’s “Gone But Not Forgotten” feature streams photographs of some of our well known Borough structures that unfortunately no longer exist. I hope that you find this site and its information interesting and please feel free to submit comments or questions using our email address.

Respectfully,  
Charles F. Shay  
Chairman  
Rumson Historic Preservation Commission





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Bingham Hall (below) was built as a church in 1842 by Thomas Hunt so that the guests staying in his hotel could worship locally. From 1861 until 1956 it was owned by the Presbyterians. In 1956 the Borough of Rumson purchased Bingham Hall from the First Presbyterian Church for \$11,000.

*(History of Rumson, New Jersey 1665-1965)*

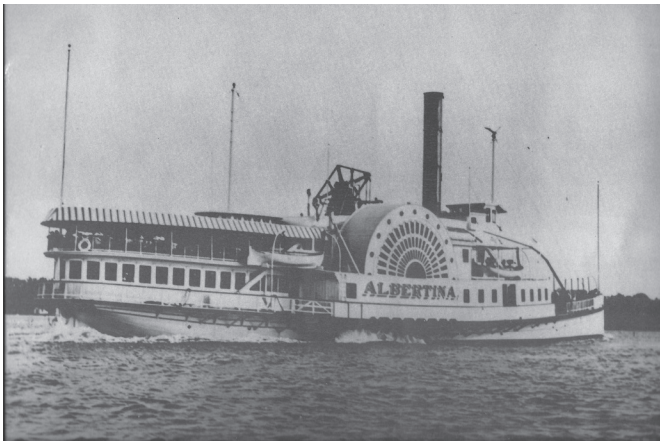


The Oceanic Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 (photo above) was chartered in 1882. In 1884, the property at their present location at the corner of River Road and Allen Street was acquired. The wooden building shown above was completed in the 1890's and served as the company's headquarters until it was replaced by the current firehouse in 1940.

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Did you know?...

- Parts of Rumson have had different names in earlier years. The area around Black Point Road and Carton Street was originally called Cartontown. The area where the village shops are located started out as Port Washington until the Postal Service pointed out that there was already a town of that name in New Jersey. Oceanic was the new name, and it has endured in the names of many Rumson entities.
- Early visitors arrived in Rumson on steamships that arrived at the docks on the Navesink River – then called the North Shrewsbury River. The Seabird and The Albertina ran regular trips to Oceanic bringing guests to the Port Washington Pavillion Hotel.



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